

Alleged Failure to Halt At Stop Sign Causes Collision

Failure to halt at a boulevard stop sign late Tuesday evening caused the collision of two cars at 150th street and Western avenue, and as a result, W. F. Wright, of 1601 West 11th place, Los Angeles, today lies in the Georgia street receiving hospital, victim of internal injuries.

A Hudson sedan, occupied by Wright and Charles McNeil, also of West 11th place, was said to have been going east on 150th when the collision with a Ford coupe, driven by George D. Brown, 1722 Andrea avenue, Torrance, occurred.

Brown told police that the Hudson failed to halt at the boulevard stop sign, and that when it veered from the collision it struck a telegraph pole. The Hudson was practically demolished.

Police were unable to find out whether Wright or McNeil were driving, as each claimed to be merely a passenger. The car was found to be the property of a Mrs. Murchison, sister of McNeil.

Brown, driver of the Ford coupe, was uninjured, and reported no serious damage to his car.

A Christmas In Germany

As Told to the Herald by Mrs. Floyd D. Haskill of Martina Street, Who, Until 12 Years Ago, Lived In Koblenz, Germany

Christmas is Christmas the whole world over, but perhaps nowhere in all Christendom is the Yuletide celebration more picturesque than in Germany. A description of a Christmas in Germany, as she recalls it in the days of her childhood, was given this week to the Herald by Mrs. Floyd D. Haskill of 1723 Martina avenue, Torrance, who until 12 years ago lived in Koblenz, Germany.

Santa Claus, or "Saint Nicholas" as he is known to the little German children leaves his gifts of candy and cookies on St. Nicholas day, December 6. He is represented by some member of the community who dresses in the traditional Santa Claus costume and bearing a large sack on his shoulders distributes his goodies to the homes of small children. However, December 25, Christmas day, and the distribution of gifts to all members of the family, is the principal event to which everyone looks forward.

On Christmas eve each member of the family sets his place at a table crissed with the hand-somest china, linen, crystal and heirloom silver that the home affords and the name of each member of the family, together with a list of gifts, is left on the place plate. Large candelabrum of crystal with crystal drops add to the attractiveness of the table. In the morning each person finds his gifts at his place at the table. A beautifully decorated tree having as a base a miniature "Krippe" or crib as we know it, topped with a large star, portrays the story of the first Christmas. Later the tree furnishes a background for the many readings offered by the children as entertainment for the grown-ups. After the gifts have been opened, dinner is enjoyed. Roast duck with chestnut dressing is a favorite dish for this dinner. Oranges, apples and the cookies

Cat Rescued After 5 Days

OAKLAND, Calif.—(U.P.)—Susie, who is a gentleman cat despite his name, when chased by three dogs, climbed a 15-foot palm tree and howled by night and day for five days until assembled neighbors, the humane society, Oakland prevention of cruelty to animals society, and a fire department crew succeeded in rescuing him.

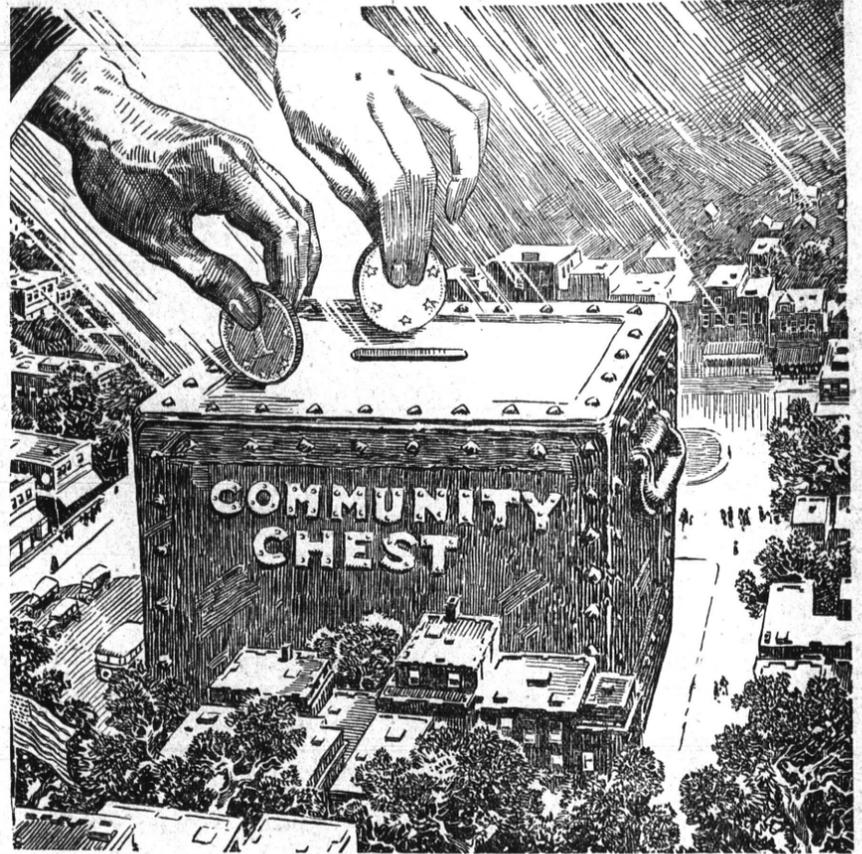
Table Set

known as "pfeiffernae" complete the feast.

As Koblenz is a military town guns may be heard booming at intervals all during Christmas day. December 26 is always celebrated in addition to Christmas. At this time one visits friends and relatives.

Sylvester or New Year's eve is celebrated much as it is here with dancing and watch parties. The use of fireworks at this time, however, is a novelty to Americans. "Prosit New Jahr" (Prosperous New Year) is heard on every side as the chimes and church bells announce the event of the new year. The following day there is much visiting, with one's friends stopping in for a chat and a drink. Especially large pretzels of cake dough are considered a great delicacy, to be served with the drinks.

\$4,000 Relief Drive, December 19-24



This Is A Year For Giving

Report Shows Business Is Holding Firm

Bank of America Chart, Just Published, Indicates Decline Halted

Evidence of continued stability of business in the Western states since August of this year is revealed in a business Index Chart compiled by the Bank of America, and issued in connection with its monthly review.

The index figure 59.4 for October is based upon compilation of data covering California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and the western part of New Mexico.

Signs of Stability
From 1925 to 1932, inclusive, the bank's analysis shows that the index figure for the district has been above the 1923-25 average. Since 1929 there has been practically a continuous decline until August, 1932, from which time until the present there have been signs of stability.

Building Permits
Building permits issued in the 32 largest towns and cities of California are the largest for any month this year, according to the review.

Financial Gains
The business review calls attention to the improvement shown in Pacific Coast financial condition by the fact that both time and demand deposits show rather steady increases in all reporting banks in the Twelfth Federal Reserve district. As of November 30 time deposits reached \$900,000,000 which is higher than at any time during the last six months. Demand deposits increased from \$560,000,000 to \$569,000,000, during the five weeks ending November 30. Borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank declined steadily during the month of November and stood at \$10,000,000 on November 30, the lowest point in six months.

Help Yourself To Mistletoe, Nix On Holly!

Mistletoe may be of minimum assistance to fair maidens but it is of no help whatever to the forestry department, according to Spence D. Turner, county forester. Because it saps the vitality of trees and is a fungus pest, the public is welcome to it so long as trees or private property is not injured in gathering it. But not so with Christmas holly, Turner warns. It is strictly illegal to pick the bright red-berried bush, and the penalty is \$500 fine.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schipper, Cherry street and El Nido, Redondo Beach, a daughter on December 19.
To Mr. and Mrs. William F. Walters, 4733 West Broadway, Hawthorne, a daughter on December 17.

Safeway Employees All Donate to Chest, Co. Also Contributes

Every employee of the Safeway-Piggly Wiggly stores in Torrance has contributed one day's pay to the Torrance Community Chest, A.

I. Stewart, vice-president of the company, stated this week. Mr. Stewart called personally at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office and pledged \$86.10 to local relief work, \$60 of which was donated by the company and \$26.10 by its Torrance employees.

Safeway stores, which include the Piggly-Wiggly organization, are donating \$60,000 this season for relief need in the areas served by the company, Mr. Stewart advised.

SANTA ANA.—(U.P.)—Police are looking for a freshly-groomed hobo. He broke into a local residence the other day and left a ring around the bath tub.

LAST MINUTE GIFTS!

at Penney's

At Drastic Reductions

Starting December 23rd and Continuing Thru PENNEY'S LAST MINUTE WEEK of 1932

- OPEN EVENINGS
- Never Before Has the Need for Cleaning House Been So Urgent
 - Inventory Time Will See Buying Activity Seldom Seen in Torrance
 - Last-Minute Purchases In Toys, Ready-to-Wear, Novelty Shoes and Men's Hats
- WILL SURPRISE YOU BY THEIR SAVINGS

See Them Today!

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COATS
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Intent on Her First Steps —

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Wine ALL Hearts!
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You'll love the life-like poses of her fully jointed body!

GAYMODE hose

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It's GAYMODE and the more the merrier! She can't have too many pairs! Exquisitely full-fashioned with dainty picot top and those flattering French heels! Alluring NEW colors.

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POOL TABLES Play at Home with All the Family \$3.98 - \$5 - \$7.50 - \$10 Greatly Reduced	Tree Ornaments Big Boxes of Small and Large Decorations 4c - 8c - 12c See Penney's First and Save.
BOYS' TRAINS with Electric Engines and Everything PRICED SO LOW!	A Few Boys' SUITS 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 Years \$2.00
Pianos 79c Dressers 79c Trunks 79c, \$1.49 Games 10c to 49c	Boxing Gloves \$1.98 and \$2.98 Tool Chests, 89c to \$1.98 Books 19c to 49c Airplanes 49c to 79c
Paint Sets 19c to 49c Sewing Sets . . . 10c to 39c Dish Sets. 25c to 49c Rubber Balls . . . 5c	Only 2 "Tric" and Trailer Combinations at \$9.00 complete

J.C. PENNEY CO. INC.

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Merry Xmas from Your 4 "A-G" Stores

Xmas Week-End Specials!

Nearly every special we offer this week says "Merry Xmas." And we have many more in our stores. Come. Enjoy these "special" Christmas Specials. And permit us to extend the Season's Greetings in person when you pay us your Friday-Saturday visit. But whether we see you or not—Merry Christmas!

—Your Associated Grocers.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DEC. 23 - 24

Cranberry Sauce No. 1 can 15c	R & R Plum Pudding 1-lb. can 29c
T. N. T. Popcorn Can 10c	Mixed Nuts - - lb. 20c
Peet's Machine Soap Large pkg. 18c	Cranberries - - lb. 15c
Crystal White bar 3c	Celery - - - - stalk 5c
Quaker Oats - sm. 5c	Fancy Delicious Apples lb. 5c
Wheaties 2 pkgs. 23c FREE YoYo with every 2 pkgs.	Dromedary Dates 2 - 1-lb. Pkgs. 29c
Log Cabin Syrup 39c MED. CAN	Med. Olives can 10c
Mustard FRENCH SALAD 9-oz. 13c	... TURKEYS ... Plump, full-breasted and good—that describes the turkeys and other fowl we have for your Christmas dinner. Best of all, perhaps, we are able to quote you record low prices. We are offering some very choice baby beef cuts, too, at prices in keeping with unquestionable quality.

AG ASSOCIATED GROCERS
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Harder's Mkt. 1521 Madrid Phone 348
Doan's Mkt. 2223 Torrance Blvd. Phone 486
G. H. Colburn 645 Sartori Phone 622
Woodburn's 1801 Cabrillo Phone 175

THURSDAY, Many Sp By Ch

"There never offered more spreading the tr than this Chris fact that we at a great depre caused much su according to F pastor of the church. "At there are ten The people com us. It mean going to have helping to spre goodness Chris form of the life," continued thoughts, here serve as a bar sermon next 7 ginning at 10:30 Star Christmas given to each The various ments of the remember "oti morning at 9:30 present their generous offer see to it that provided with the program to be held in at 9:30 a. m. At 6:15 p. i will meet in Endeavor sess lead this mee Friday even ginning at 7 young people Star Shines O The members follows: Ru Stevenson, V Elder, Harold Irene Wilkes, Schaeffer, Ea and others. people will s in the table the program "White Gifts" Saturday young people carols to the

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